

REMARKS

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-54 are pending and under consideration.

Claims 1-9, 12, 14-16, 19-27, 30, 32-34, 37-45, 48 and 50-52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wynn et al.

Claims 10, 11, 28, 29, 46 and 47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wynn in view of Elsbree.

Claims 13, 31 and 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wynn in view of Mills.

Claims 17, 18, 35, 36, 53 and 54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wynn.

No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry of this response is respectfully requested. The foregoing rejections are hereby traversed, as follows:

IN THE TITLE

The Examiner on page 2, item 3 of the Office Action objected to the title of the invention for not being descriptive. The title of the invention is replaced taking into consideration the Examiner's comments, as follows.

--INFORMATION DISPLAY SYSTEM HAVING GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE
SWITCHINGLY CONTROLLING INFORMATION DISPLAY ON DISPLAY SCREEN, AND
MEDIUM--

Withdrawal of the objection to the title of the invention is requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In page 2, item 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the specification for grammatical error informalities. According to the foregoing the specification is amended taking into consideration the Examiner's comments. Withdrawal of the specification is objection is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

In the Office Action at page 2, item 1, the Examiner objected to the FIG. 13 of the drawings for informalities. In order to overcome the objection, one replacement sheet for FIG. 13 is submitted herewith in which the phrase "END OF CHANNEL SWITCHING" is corrected to "END_OF CHANNEL SWITCHING".

Further, one replacement sheet for FIG. 12 is submitted herein in which the phrases "HYSTERES" is changed to "HISTORY" or "HISTORIES" (as the case may be) to correct the typographical error. Support for the changes to FIG. 12 can be found, for example, on page 26, lines 2-18, of the present Application.

Approval and entry of the corrected drawings for FIGS. 12 and 13 (2 replacement sheets) submitted as attached hereto is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS

The Applicants respectfully note that Wynn (US Patent No. 6,667,751) is either the sole reference or the primary reference relied upon in each of the foregoing art rejections of pending claims 1-54 in the Office Action. However, Wynn (US Patent No. 6,667,751) is not a proper prior art reference under 35 USC 102(e), because the priority filing date of the present application is May 8, 2000, which is prior to Wynn's effective filing date of July 13, 2000 (i.e., Wynn's US filing date).

The Applicants submit a verified English translation of the certified foreign priority application (Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-135030, filed May 8, 2000) of the above identified present US patent Application, concurrently herewith under 37 CFR 1.55 in the Letter to the Examiner for Submission of Verified English Translation of the Certified Copy of Prior Foreign Application. Therefore, foreign priority filing date of the above-identified present US patent application is perfected; thereby overcoming the effective filing date of Wynn relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting claims 1-54.

Therefore, withdrawal of the art rejections of claim 1-54 over Wynn under 35 USC 102(e) and allowance of claims 1-54 is respectfully requested. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

CONCLUSION

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,
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